[*English*]

Opening of new Branches of Insurance Companies in Kerala

7071. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open new branches of the Insurance Companies in Kerala during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The four subsidiaries of the General Insurance Corporation of India have already opened five new branches - one each in Muvattupuzha (District Idukki), Cannanore,Cochin (District Ernakulam), Palluruthy (District Ernakulam) and Kanjirapally (District Kottayam) in Kerala during the current financial year. A few more branches are expected to be opened by them in Kerala during the current financial year. In addition, the Life Insurance Corporation of India will be opening five new branches - one each in Trichur, Ernakulam. Ramanatukara (District Kozhikode), Tiruvananthapuram (District Trivandrum) and Kottayam in Kerala during the current financial year.

[*Translation*]

Funds for Construction of Roads in Himachal Pradesh

7072. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh from the Central Road Fund for the construction of roads during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide some additional funds for construction of roads in the hilly areas of the State in view of peculiar geographical conditions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Funds allotted to Himachal Pradesh for construction of roads during last three years are as under:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	6.00
1989-90	6.00
1990-91	9.81
Total	21.81

(b) and (c). The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh have sent a CRF Programme for 8th Plan period consisting of 44 schemes costing Rs. 35.68 crores including 13 schemes costing Rs 15.47 crores in hilly ares of the State. However, these schemes could not be processed for approval so far as the actual augmentation of CRF has not yet taken place.

[*English*]

National Highway in Haryana

7073. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways in Haryana; and

(b) the length of roads converted into National Highway in Haryana during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 698 Kms.

(b) No road in Haryana was converted